SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 1,000 under "2. Agriculture—C—Veterinary—Medicines"

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "2—Agriculture—C—Veterinary—Medicines". The reasons are given in the note circulated among the members of the Standing Finance Committee. I request the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* On a point of information, Sir, may I know whether the Hon'ble Minister is aware that the drugs used for preventing the diseases have been used only after the pest is over because of the delay in getting them?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* If the medicine is not available, they will have to get it down.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Cannot the Hon'ble Minister make some arrangement to get some drugs beforehand and keep it?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* All the requirements have been met by the Government. We did not get any application for medicine. Anyhow, I shall enquire into this matter, and if there is any insufficiency of medicine we will see to it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In certain cases the ryots were prepared to pay for the serum. But it was not available.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The serum cannot be kept indefinitely. It has to be used within a specified period. So it is only after the outbreak of the disease that they could write for the serum.

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 300 under "23. Ayurveda—T. A."

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 300 under "23—Ayurveda—T. A.". There is no chance of transferring this item from any other items in this department. I request the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* On a point of information. There was a proposal to start an Ayurvedic Hospital at Ernakulam and a resolution was passed to that effect. But no action was taken.

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